## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CHARLES R. BURKE <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD, Philadelphia, Pa.

Docket No. 96-1469; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 6, 1998

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## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Programs properly found that appellant has greater than a six percent permanent impairment of the right thumb, for which he received a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the January 17, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 17, 1996, is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 6, 1998

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member